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1. Numan Menemencioğlu, Turkish Ambassador to Paris, left Ankara on 13 January to return to his post. There had been persistent rumors that Menemencioğlu would retire and be succeeded by Şükrü Saracoğlu, the former Prime Minister. Well-informed circles now believe, however, that President Ismet İnönü does not wish Saracoğlu to leave Ankara until all danger of a Cabinet crisis is past.
2. At present, in spite of all conciliatory efforts, the strained relations between President İnönü and Prime Minister Recep Peker continue and it is feared that Recep Peker may insist upon resigning since, as a result of the recent incidents with the Democrats, Prime Minister Peker finds he has lost some of his former influence, even in People's Party circles.
3. It is reported that in the event of Peker's resignation, İnönü would offer the post to Saracoğlu, as the latter has always been amenable to following the President's suggestions, whereas collaboration between Recep Peker and President İnönü is becoming increasingly difficult.

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